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Committee Bill No. 5814

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT EXPANDING THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 20-12d of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2005*):

4 (a) A physician assistant who has complied with the provisions of
5 sections 20-12b and 20-12c may perform medical functions delegated
6 by a supervising physician when: (1) The supervising physician is
7 satisfied as to the ability and competency of the physician assistant; (2)
8 such delegation is consistent with the health and welfare of the patient
9 and in keeping with sound medical practice; and (3) when such
10 functions are performed under the oversight, control and direction of
11 the supervising physician. The functions that may be performed under
12 such delegation are those that are within the scope of the supervising
13 physician's license, within the scope of such physician's competence as
14 evidenced by such physician's postgraduate education, training and
15 experience and within the normal scope of such physician's actual
16 practice. Delegated functions shall be implemented in accordance with

17 written protocols established by the supervising physician. All orders
18 written by physician assistants shall be followed by the signature of
19 the physician assistant and the printed name of the supervising
20 physician. A physician assistant may, as delegated by the supervising
21 physician within the scope of such physician's license, [(A)] prescribe
22 and administer drugs, including controlled substances in [schedule IV
23 or V] schedules II to V, inclusive, in all settings, [(B) renew
24 prescriptions for controlled substances in schedule II or III in
25 outpatient settings, and (C) prescribe and administer controlled
26 substances in schedule II or III to an inpatient in a short-term hospital,
27 chronic disease hospital, emergency room satellite of a general
28 hospital, or, after an admission evaluation by a physician, in a chronic
29 and convalescent nursing home, as defined in the regulations of
30 Connecticut state agencies and licensed pursuant to subsection (a) of
31 section 19a-491, provided in all cases where the physician assistant
32 prescribes a controlled substance in schedule II or III, the physician
33 under whose supervision the physician assistant is prescribing shall
34 cosign the order not later than twenty-four hours thereafter] provided
35 in all cases in which the physician assistant prescribes a controlled
36 substance in schedule II or III, the physician under whose supervision
37 the physician assistant is prescribing shall cosign the order not later
38 than twenty-four hours thereafter. The physician assistant may, as
39 delegated by the supervising physician within the scope of such
40 physician's license, request, sign for, receive and dispense drugs to
41 patients, in the form of professional samples as defined in section
42 20-14c or when dispensing in an outpatient clinic as defined in the
43 regulations of Connecticut state agencies and licensed pursuant to
44 subsection (a) of section 19a-491 that operates on a not-for-profit basis,
45 or when dispensing in a clinic operated by a state agency or
46 municipality. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow
47 the physician assistant to request, sign for, receive or dispense any
48 drug the physician assistant is not authorized under this subsection to
49 prescribe.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2005	20-12d(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To expand the prescriptive authority of physician assistants.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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